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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 3852

S E C R E T VIENTIANE 3400

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LA

SUBJ: WIRE-SERVICE REPORT OF THREAT TO SAVANNAKHET  
HOSTAGES

REF: STATE 113174

WE ARE UNAWARE OF SOURCE OF AP REPORT CITED REFTEL. REMOVAL OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IS KNOWN TO BE AMONG DEMONSTRATORS DEMANDS AND THERE HAS BEEN INTEL REPORT, WHICH AS WE RECALL ORIGINATED IN VIENTIANE, OF POSSIBLE DEATH, BUT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE HEIGHTENED THREAT TO PERSONNEL IN SAVANNAKHET. I HAVE ALREADY MADE EXTENSIVE REPRESENTATIONS TO BOTH PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER (SAW LATER'S CHEF DE CABINET EIGHT HOURS AGO) AND DO NOT WISH TO DEplete OUR CREDIT WITH THEM BY MIDNIGHT DEMARCHES ON BASIS OF NOTHING MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN A WIRE-SERVICE REPORT. (AP IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ANYONE IN SAVANNAKHET AND PRESUMABLY THEIR COMMO IS NO BETTER THAN OURS.) WE HAVE DONE WHAT WE COULD AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES NOTABLY FROM GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS DESPATCHED COL. SOMBOUN WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO ENSURE SECURITY OF AMERICANS IN SAVANNAKHET BUT ALSO FROM OUR COLLEAGUES THERE WHO CALLED EARLIER TODAY TO SAY THEY WERE SAFE AND WELL. FROM CRYPTIC MESSAGE WE GATHERED THEY HAD BEEN RELEASED BY DEMONSTRATORS BUT WERE UNDER SOME FORM OF HOUSE ARREST. WE MAY NEED MAXIMUM CREDIT IN LIGHT OF FIRM

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INFORMATION THAT A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST USAID WILL KICK  
OFF IN VIENTIANE AT 0800 LOCAL MAY 16.  
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\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a

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